

## The management of contractual congestion

To help you use its capacity offering with optimum efficiency, GRTgaz has introduced managing contractual congestion mechanisms, in accordance with the decisions taken by the European Commission and by the French Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE).

### Surrender of contractual capacity

On all the Network Interconnection Points (PIR), you have the possibility of surrendering firm capacity that you have previously subscribed. You can surrender all firm capacity with a duration of one or several months.

GRTgaz will offer this capacity in addition to its basic offering, under the capacity allocation rules that applies on the point.

### Long-term « use-it-or-lose-it » (UIOLI) mechanism

If a shipper should not be allocated the annual firm capacity he requested for a Network Interconnection Point (PIR), GRTgaz will investigate whether one or more shippers hold unused capacity, and will inform the French Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE) about the situation. If the shipper is unable to provide a valid justification, the CRE may ask GRTgaz to implement a capacity release.

### Increase in capacity through an overbooking and buyback system

On some Network Interconnection Points (PIR), GRTgaz may offer shippers supplementary firm capacity, additional to the technical capacity. This additional firm capacity is made available on a monthly and daily time step, outside maintenance periods and in normal operating conditions. When it is necessary to ensure that the system operates properly, GRTgaz shall apply a market-based buy-back procedure in which network users can offer capacity.